

## **The Owl - January 2024**

### **Footsteps to our Dreams and Goals**

Our Jigsaw piece: Dreams and Goals is always a nice way to come back from the Christmas break with a focus on 'what next'.

The children have shown really good understanding of how aspiration is so important in deciding what to do next. We have used giant footsteps inspired by the giant in Jack and the Beanstalk to talk about different kinds of dreams and goals. You may spot some footprints around the school as a reminder for the children to aim high.

Some footprints are bigger than others to show that dreams and goals can be big or small and achieved quickly or over a longer time.

Some have been put up high and out of reach to remember that sometimes our dreams and goals may seem difficult to achieve. We are thinking about our value of resilience to find ways to get there.

Some footprints have also been hidden to remind us that if we forget about a dream or goal to try and uncover it again.

Brown Mouse and White Mouse who live in the hall have been helping too. White Mouse who has a fixed mind set would give up on goals easily and choose ones which aren't particularly challenging. Brown Mouse sets himself bigger challenges and will think of ways to get around anything which might make reaching the goal difficult; showing our values of **resilience** and **aspiration**. The following link helps to show what we mean about having a growth mindset or fixed mindset.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rUJkbWNnNy4>

In everything we do we strive to enable the children to remember more and make connections. It is lovely to see this come across in our assemblies when sharing stories and activities. Older children were able to tell our newer members about the balloons we used before to talk about our dreams and goals, well done! The books the children bring home from the hall will help you to talk about our Jigsaw goals and our values while we share a love of books.



## DIARY DATES

### February 2024

5<sup>th</sup> Feeling Good Week – Regrown theme

6<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day

9<sup>th</sup> Steve Clifford author visit for all classes

13<sup>th</sup> Pancake Races

19<sup>th</sup> Half term

### March 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Bysouth Class assembly

7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day

8<sup>th</sup> Mothers' Day morning

8<sup>th</sup> Jackson Class assembly

12<sup>th</sup> Y2s Tag rugby tournament

13<sup>th</sup> West End in Schools dance workshops

14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Bikeability

15<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day – any Comic Relief merchandise can be worn, or something red. Please remember Layton Class will be cycling too!

22<sup>nd</sup> Layton Class Assembly

28<sup>th</sup> Easter Hat competition

28<sup>th</sup> End of term at 2pm

Please remember all dates are available on our website: <https://reed.herts.sch.uk/news->

## Record Breaker!

Huge congratulations and thanks to Mrs Watson who as you know makes sure the children all get their lunch each day. What you may not know though, is that she has been working at Reed First School for Herts Catering for nearly as long as I've been alive! She has seen many changes to the school over the years and enjoyed telling some of our children about these when she was presented with gifts of thanks from us and Herts Catering for her long service.



The children had lots of favourite meals to thank Mrs Watson for, roasts being a firm winner!



## Perform

As we know and regularly see, many of our children love performing and also grow in confidence by being given the opportunity to get into role and 'magic' their way into an imaginary world!

It was lovely to hear from the company Perform who came to run free drama sessions for all of our classes.

By the shrieks of delight coming from the hall and the smiles on the faces as the classes emerged, it was clearly a hit! I even found some of our young actors continuing the theme of the Wild West outside at play by making their own horses to be brave cowgirls!



You will see from our diary dates, we have lots more to come this term to keep the creativity flowing including: an author visit and our annual West End in Schools experience!

## Panto Time!

The children (and staff) had a great time when our hall was transformed into a theatre again for the performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. All three classes used their experience to learn across the curriculum. So much learning has been inspired by just the beanstalk including; growing beans in science, building beanstalks, making beanstalk collages and mixed media leaves. There has also been lots of creative writing inspired by the story and even a live debate between children in Bysouth and Layton Classes. Huge thanks to FoRS for contributing to the cost of the visiting theatre, their fundraising really does make a huge difference to our children's experiences.



Logan: Seeing the giant looking through the door was amazing!

Livvy: I loved watching the actors dancing and twirling!

Su: It was really clever the way they climbed the beanstalk!



Nathaniel: I liked it when Miss Wilson was chosen to dance!



Beanstalk inspiration!

Getting our points across – Who truly was the bad character? How have they helped or hindered me?

### **And finally...**

We really enjoy seeing examples of learning both at school and home posted on Google Classroom. I know the teachers and children really appreciate the comments made on the streams and the children love sharing their experiences with you. Being able to access regularly updated streams is a great way to keep up to date with what your child has been doing.

Please do take the time to log in with your child. Log in details should be in your communication book.



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